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SUBJECT: CSCE TALKS AT GENEVA -- OCTOBER 7-11

1. CSCE HAS JUST COMPLETED ITS MOST PROMISING WEEK FOR SOME TIME. REGISTRATION OF A KEY BASKET 3 TEXT ON ACCESS TO PRINTED INFORMATION WAS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD. ON OTHER ISSUES IN BASKET 3, THE SOVIETS HAVE ALSO SHOWN INCREASING FLEXIBILITY. ON CBM'S, TOO, THE SOVIETS DISPLAYED FLEXIBILITY ON A DEFINITION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS. MANY WESTERN AND NEUTRAL DELEGATIONS REASON THAT THIS MORE POSITIVE SOVIET ATTITUDE IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN INCREASINGLY UNITED NATO FRONT ON THE OVERALL APPROACH TO BASKET 3, AS WELL AS TO MOSCOW'S DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE AT CSCE PRIOR TO COMING MEETINGS WITH WESTERN LEADERS AND THE IMPORTANT BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON CSCE.

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2. POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES -- AGENDA ITEM 1.

THERE WAS SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD CONCLUSION OF DRAFTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE, WHICH THE SOVIETS ARE NEARLY READY TO ACCEPT. WITHIN THE NATO CAUCUS, THE DUTCH CIRCULATED A REVISED TEXT ON FOUR POWER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE TENTH PRINCIPLE OR A FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE PRINCIPLES DECLARATION. HOWEVER, THE BONN GROUP DECIDED LAST WEEK

TO REJECT THE DUTCH TEXT AND TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THE EXISTING FORMULATION DEVELOPED IN BONN LAST JULY. ON CBM'S, THE SOVIETS AGREED INFORMALLY TO THE WESTERN AND NEUTRAL CONCEPT THAT THE AREA FOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS SHOULD IN PRINCIPLE BE "EUROPE." SOVIET AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS CONDITIONAL ON NEGOTIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH QUALIFICATION TO THIS PRINCIPLE THAT THEY AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS SEEK. THE UK HAS ATTEMPTED TO MEET THIS PROBLEM BY PROPOSING LANGUAGE EXCLUDING FROM NOTIFICATION THOSE MANEUVERS HELD BEYOND AN AS YET UNSPECIFIED DISTANCE FROM FRONTIERS OF PARTICIPATING STATES WHOSE TERRITORIES EXTEND BEYOND EUROPE.

3. ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION -- AGENDA ITEM 2.

THERE WERE NO BASKET 2 MEETINGS LAST WEEK, THOUGH THE EC NINE CIRCULATED TO NATO ALLIES NEW DRAFTS ON KEY TRADE POLICY ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE NATO CAUCUS.

4. HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION -- AGENDA ITEM 3.

THE HUMAN CONTACTS SUBCOMMITTEE INCHED FORWARD IN SIMULTANEOUS DRAFTING ON FIVE DIFFERENT TOPICS: INTRODUCTORY TEXT, A SOVIET DESIRED FORMULATION ON "MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS" FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS, THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION TEXT, MARRIAGES BETWEEN NATIONALS OF DIFFERENT STATES, AND RIGHT TO TRAVEL. THE SUCCESS OF THE INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE IN REGISTERING A TEXT ON "ACCESS TO PRINTED INFORMATION" WAS FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL AGREEMENT

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ON A TEXT COMMITTING ALL PARTICIPANTS TO DISTRIBUTE WIDELY THE FINAL CSCE DOCUMENTS. MEANWHILE, THE SOVIETS HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THEY WOULD BE "ACTIVE AND COOPERATIVE" ON BASKET 3 ISSUES AND HAVE PLEDGED TO CONTINUE FREQUENT TALKS WITH US ON A STRICTLY PRIVATE BASIS. THEY HAVE GIVEN US AN ANODYNE TEXT WHICH THEY HOPE WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR AGREEMENT ON RADIO JAMMING -- A TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED THIS WEEK.

AGREEMENT WAS REACHED INFORMALLY ON A TEXT RE USE
OF MASS MEDIA TO IMPROVE ACQUAINTANCE WITH CULTURAL
LIFE OF OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES. IN EDUCATION
SUBCOMMITTEE, SLOW PROGRESS
CONTINUES TOWARD AGREEMENT ON A TEXT ON LANGUAGE STUDY.

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